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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
PHILIP S. GREEN) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 08/709,930) Art Unit: 2713
Filed: September 9, 1996) SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY
For: SURGICAL SYSTEM) AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendment:

IN THE TITLE:

Delete "SURGICAL SYSTEM" and substitute therefor -- SURGICAL
METHOD--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 26-45 without prejudice and add
the following claims:

46. A method for performing surgery on an anatomy of a
person comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a control assembly coupled to a surgical
assembly including a surgical instrument having a forearm member,
a wrist member pivotally connected to the forearm member such as
to be capable of being pivoted about a first axis, and an end
effector member movably coupled to the wrist member such as to be
capable of being moved about a second axis that is generally
perpendicular to the first axis;

(b) inserting the surgical instrument of the surgical
assembly of step (a) into an anatomy of a person until the end
effector member reaches an internal surgical site within the
anatomy of the person;

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